

H.J.R. No. 33

A JOINT RESOLUTION

proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize the state to provide scholarships, grants, loans, and other financial assistance to local fire departments and other public fire-fighting organizations.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Article III of the Texas Constitution is amended by adding Section 51-a-1 to read as follows:

Sec. 51-a-1. (a) The legislature by general law may authorize the use of public money to provide to local fire departments and other public fire-fighting organizations:

(1) loans or other financial assistance to purchase fire-fighting equipment and to aid in providing necessary equipment and facilities to comply with federal and state law; and

(2) scholarships and grants to educate and train the members of local fire departments and other public fire-fighting organizations.

(b) A portion of the money used under this section may be used for the administrative costs of the program. The legislature shall provide for the terms and conditions of scholarships, grants, loans, and other financial assistance to be provided under this section.

SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be held on November 7, 1989. The ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the state to provide scholarships, grants, loans, and other financial assistance to local fire departments and other public fire-fighting organizations to purchase fire-fighting equipment, to aid in providing necessary equipment and facilities to comply with federal and state law, and to educate and train their members."

Passed by the House on May 8, 1989, by the following vote: Yeas 119, Nays 17, 1 present, not voting. Passed by the Senate on May 25, 1989, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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H.J.R. No. 40

A JOINT RESOLUTION

proposing a constitutional amendment relating to the oath of office prescribed for members of the legislature, the secretary of state, and other elected and appointed officers.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Article XVI, Section 1, of the Texas Constitution is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1. (a) Members of the Legislature, and all other elected officers, before they enter upon the duties of their offices, shall take the following Oath or Affirmation:

"I, _____, do solemnly swear (or affirm), that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of _____ of the State of Texas, and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States and of this State, so help me God."

(b) Each member of the Legislature and all other elected officers, before taking the Oath or Affirmation of office prescribed by this section and entering upon the duties of office, shall subscribe to the following statement:

"I, _____, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I have not directly or indirectly paid, offered, promised to pay, contributed, or promised to contribute any money or thing of value, or promised any public office or employment for the giving or withholding of a vote at the election at which I was elected so help me God."

["I, _____, do solemnly swear (or affirm), that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of _____ of the State of Texas, and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States and of this State; and I furthermore solemnly swear (or affirm), that I have not directly nor indirectly paid, offered, or promised to pay, contributed, nor promised to contribute any money, or valuable thing, or promised any public office or employment, as a reward for the giving or withholding a vote at the election at which I was elected. So help me God."]

(c) The Secretary of State, and all other appointed officers, before entering [they enter] upon the duties of their offices, shall take the following Oath or Affirmation:

"I, _____, do solemnly swear (or affirm), that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of _____ of the State of Texas, and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States and of this State, so[;] and I furthermore solemnly swear (or affirm), that I have not directly nor indirectly paid, offered, or promised to pay, contributed, nor promised to contribute any money, or valuable thing, or promised any public office or employment, as a reward to secure my appointment or the confirmation thereof. So] help me God."

(d) The Secretary of State, and all other appointed officers, before taking the Oath or Affirmation of office prescribed by this section and entering upon the duties of office, shall subscribe to the following statement:

"I, _____, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I have not directly or indirectly paid, offered, or promised to pay, contributed, or promised to contribute any money, or valuable thing, or promised any public office or employment, as a reward to secure my appointment or confirmation thereof, so help me God."

(e) Members of the Legislature and all other elected officers shall file the signed statement required by Subsection (b) of this section with the Secretary of State before taking the Oath or Affirmation of office prescribed by Subsection (a) of this section.

(f) The Secretary of State and all other appointed officers shall file the signed statement required by Subsection (d) of this section with the Secretary of State before taking the Oath or Affirmation of office prescribed by Subsection (c) of this section.

SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 7, 1989. The ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment to require that a member of the legislature, the secretary of state, and an elected or appointed officer, before assuming office, sign a written oath stating that the member, the secretary of state, or the officer did not engage in bribery to obtain the office."

Passed by the House on May 10, 1989, by the following vote: Yeas 110, Nays 30; that the House refused to concur in Senate amendments to H.J.R. No. 40 on May 23, 1989, and requested the appointment of a conference committee to consider the differences between the two houses; and that the House adopted the conference committee report on H.J.R. No. 40 on May 27, 1989, by the following vote: Yeas 139, Nays 2, 1 present, not voting. Passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 20, 1989, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1; at the request of the House, the Senate appointed a conference committee to consider the differences between the two houses; and that the Senate adopted the conference committee report on H.J.R. No. 40 on May 28, 1989, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

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H.J.R. No. 51

A JOINT RESOLUTION

proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for the issuance of bonds and state financing of development and production of Texas products and businesses.